

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed comments and indication of allowance of the claims if put in independent form. Amendments are made to incorporate limitations to put such claims in independent form.

Paragraphs [0017] and [0021] of the specification have been amended. The Abstract has been amended. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments.

Claim 28 has been amended, incorporating the limitations of claim 27 and 21, which are now cancelled. Claims 32 and 33 have been amended to depend from independent claim 28.

Claim 34 has been amended, incorporating the limitations of claim 21. Claims 22-26 have been amended to depend from independent claim 34.

In addition, new claims 41-45 have been added, depending from claim 28 and incorporating limitations of claims 22-26. Since all of the dependent claims now depend from one of the allowed claims, all of the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Abstract

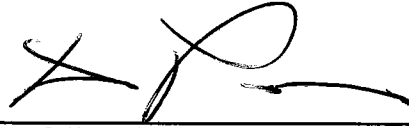
The abstract, has been amended to remove the second paragraph, which states, "Fig. 1." Thus, the abstract is in compliance with MPEP 608.01.

Specification

The Applicant would like to point out that the passages of the published U.S. application, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0004278, did not incorporate the changes made by the Preliminary Amendment of June 27, 2006. Please confirm that the amendments in the Preliminary Amendment were entered. Replacement paragraphs for two paragraphs are provided.

The claims are now in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully request entry of the amendments and allowance of all of the pending claims.

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